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Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Project Title:

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Houston Middle School Library/Technology Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$7,500 House District: 15 - H

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Library/Technology Upgrades

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$7,500

<u>Funding Secured</u> <u>Other Pending Requests</u> <u>Anticipated Future Need</u>

Amount FY Amount FY Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

These funds are needed to replace and repair damaged books and purchase new titles so that students have adequate research and literary materials for their education. In addition these funds are also needed to ensure that students have access to working and updated computers and technology for research and other educational purposes. Books have become worn and new titles are being printed and the library needs replace and expand its book collection. Likewise, as computer and electronics technologies are advancing current systems require upgrades and replacements to provide students the access to electronic databases and resources that they need for their education. As more and more information becomes available in electronic digital format it becomes increasingly important to educate students how to access and utilize these resources.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Houston Middle School.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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Houston Middle School

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February 20, 2008

Representative Mark Neuman Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 432 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Neuman:

The staff and students at Houston Middle School would like to request up to \$7,500 to replace and upgrade our current technology and library/media center. These funds would go a long way in replacing damaged books, increasing the number of titles available for circulation as well as upgrading some aging technology. Our library/media center is a critical element for student learning at HMS. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Andy Murr Principal



om: Bonny Redford [Bonny.Redford@matsuk12.us]

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 3:04 PM

To: Rep. Mark Neuman

Subject: Re: FW: Library/Media Center

Attachments: Neuman fund req1.doc

Thank you for your help. Attached is Mr. Murr's letter regarding Library, Media and Technology.